GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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REPORT ON SEED POLICY REVIEW GROUP
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seed Policy Review Group has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether report of the review group has been adopted by the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Group suggested several measures for the promotion and development of the seed sector including, inter alia, modification of the seed policy, strengthening quality control mechanisms, strengthening quarantine infrastructure, etc.

(c)&(d): Government have taken several measures for the promotion and development of the seed sector on the basis of the report of the Seed Policy Review Group including,inter-alia, enacting the Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers` Rights Act, 2001,drafting a National Seed Policy to provide a framework for ensuring the growth of theseed sector, drafting a new Seeds Act to regulate the production, supply and sale of seeds, liberalizing import and export, strengthening quarantine facilities, etc.